SENATE RESOLUTION No. ____ DIGEST OF INTRODUCED RESOLUTION A SENATE RESOLUTION to recognize Redmond ("RJ") Crace for his outstanding achievements. LUBBERS ______, read first time and referred to Committee on



SENATE RESOLUTION

MADAM PRESIDENT:

I offer the following resolution and move its adoption:

A SENATE RESOLUTION to recognize Redmond ("RJ") Crace for his outstanding achievements.

Whereas, with a strong will and positive attitude, many people are able to overcome health challenges and disabilities. Redmond "RJ" Crace's life exemplifies this principle;

Whereas, as a baby, RJ lost both of his eyes and most of his hearing because of a rare cancer. At age 3, RJ entered the Indiana School of the Blind. Despite the challenges he faced, RJ blazed a trail of academic excellence, maintaining a 3.96 GPA and making the honor roll every year since first grade;

Whereas, Crace has utilized his talents in communications, serving as a co-host on a weekly one hour sports talk program on WJEL Radio in Indianapolis and by writing a regular column for the WJEL website. He has also become a sports radio personality in Danville, Illinois, where he is a sportscaster on WDAN Radio;

Whereas, RJ's academic and broadcasting talents have earned him numerous awards, including a second place State Broadcasting Award and a \$15,000 Abe Lincoln Scholarship



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from the Indiana Kiwanis. He also earned the Presidential Scholarship from Ball State University, where he has been accepted as a student for the 2006-2007 school year; and

Whereas, the Indiana School of the Blind, its staff, faculty, and administration have served as an outstanding guiding force in helping to prepare RJ for his college career and adult life. Rusty and Jodee Crace, RJ's parents, also deserve great praise for their love and devotion to such an outstanding young man: Therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

- 1 SECTION 1. That the Indiana Senate is very proud to have among
- 2 its citizens a person of such tremendously strong character, dedication,
- 3 and perseverance. The Indiana Senate wishes RJ Crace much success
- 4 in his future endeavors.
- SECTION 2. The Secretary of the Senate is hereby directed to
- 6 transmit a copy of this Resolution to RJ Crace; Rusty and Jodee Crace,
- 7 his parents; and Jim Durst, Superintendent of the Indiana School for the
- 8 Blind.

